

April 20, 2012

Crime in Franklin's growing community is down, according to the **Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's 2011** "Crime in Tennessee" report released this week.. An overall decrease by 6.8 percent accounts for less burglaries, retail thefts, and car break-ins. Franklin Police credit community partnerships for the decline. A few of the Franklin Police Department's crime prevention outreach initiatives include citizen engagement through Nixle, Twitter, and their smart phone app, heavy community program involvement, their anonymous text tip program, and highly visible non-traditional patrols using things like horses, motorcycles, unmarked cars, Segways and bicycles.

The **Wellness Team** is **seeking quick and healthy recipes**, particularly meals that take 30 minutes or less. They are also asking for employee input for the **13**th **Annual Employee Health and Wellness Fair**. If you would like to contribute a recipe or have Health Fair suggestions, please visit Inside the City for directions.

A **public meeting is scheduled for May 10, at 6pm** following the regularly scheduled Capital Investment Committee meeting to discuss **stream naming**. Over the past few months, **Engineering/Stormwater staff** has been on the field verifying if unnamed water bodies are streams or wet-weather conveyances. A total of 97 Hydrologic Determinations were performed; of which 54 were determined to be streams. City Staff has listed potential names for the 54 streams, using topographic maps, deed records and registered landmarks as references. It is anticipated that a formal Resolution to rename the streams will be presented at the June 14, 2012, CIC Meeting, and to the BOMA on June 26, 2012.

Two local schools are pitching in to do their part for the community. On Friday April 20th beginning at 9:30 a.m. about 20 freshman students from **Ensworth School** will be painting and staining fencing at the **Fort Granger** lookout above **Pinkerton Park** and also painting the newly installed fence at The **Park at Harlinsdale Farm**. Tuesday, April 24th **New Hope Academy** will bring 23 6th graders to Jim Warren Park to paint the fence along Boyd Mill Ave. The contribution of these two schools will save the **City of Franklin Parks Department** the cost of 6 staff members spending approximately 9-10 days of work.

The City of Franklin is sponsoring its annual <u>Arbor/Earth Day celebration</u> tomorrow, April 21st at Pinkerton Park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The purpose of the celebration is to promote awareness and appreciation of trees as well as to commemorate Earth Day. On occasion the weather interrupts our scheduled events and we have to modify or cancel the event due to safety or other concerns. The weather indicators are forecasting a wet day on Saturday for the Arbor Day time frame. We will go on rain or shine and continue to pass out saplings until they run out. Even if the day is rainy please come by and get your tree sapling. The other

activities will only go on if it is safe for the public. Hotline /Rainout phone number 615 550-6947. For more information read this

http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1355&page=25

City of Franklin Mayor Ken Moore will **focus on Franklin's future** at the 2012 "State of the City" address at Liberty Hall in The Factory at Franklin, on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:45 a.m. Doors will

open at 7:00 a.m. and a light year's speech is "Words popular "Words with long-term planning as well last year, new technology, Johnston will emcee and end of the presentation. also participate with



breakfast will be available. The theme of this with Franklin Friends," playing off the Friends" game. Mayor Moore will focus on as discuss the City's accomplishments in the finances and more. News Channel 5's Rhori moderate a question and answer section at the Thank you to the many City Departments will information tables and booths.



One more week for the "My Historic Franklin" photo contest. Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit high resolution photos cropped for a 5x5 display. So far we have more than 70 entries. The top 25 photos will be displayed at **Starbucks in Historic Downtown Franklin** on their magnetic photo wall in May. The City will also post all entries on the City of Franklin **Facebook** page and the new City **Pinterest** page at www.pinterest.com/cityoffranklin. The photo with the most likes (viewer's choice) and the top two photos chosen by a panel of judges will

win a Historic Franklin prize package. Prizes include tickets to the Carter House and Carnton Plantation, Franklin history books and goodies from Starbucks. **To enter, email your photo submittals along with your name, telephone number, and a brief caption to yourshot@franklintn.gov by April 27th**.

Revenue Management's Ana Lopez is this week's winner for the Mayor's parking space. Rita Morton nominated Ana, she said, "I would like to nominate Ana Lopez for the mayor's parking space. Ana along with Therese Carrier did a great job in the handling of our retention records. Her extra effort to make files accessible to our shredding vendor is commendable. Ana is relentless in her efforts to complete every assigned task with a smile." Ana can begin parking in the Mayor's spot Monday, April 23. Nominate anyone you see doing a good job at agoodjob@franklintn.gov.

Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!

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